

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1110

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Union City High School boys' basketball team and Head Coach Shane Sisco upon winning the 2007-2008 TSSAA Class A State Championship.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Union City High School boys' basketball team is one such estimable team that recently won the 2008 Tennessee Secondary Schools Athletic Association (TSSAA) Class A Boys' Basketball State Tournament on March 15, 2008, at Middle Tennessee State University's Murphy Center; and

WHEREAS, led by Head Coach Shane Sisco, the Union City High School Tornadoes basketball team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2007-2008 season, establishing an excellent record of thirty-seven wins against no losses and claiming the District 14-A title and the Region 7-A title on the road to winning the TSSAA Class A Boys' Basketball State Championship; the Tornadoes are only the fifteenth team in state history to accomplish such a perfect season; and

WHEREAS, after demolishing Middleton High School, 93-53, at the sectional level to advance to the state tournament, Union City dethroned defending champion Tennessee Temple Academy in the first round by a score of 59-55 and vanquished Moore County, 101-86, in the semi-finals to advance to the Class A State Championship final; and

WHEREAS, facing the Manassas High School Tigers in the championship game, the Tornadoes emerged victorious with a score of 83-81, as they won Union City High School's fifth boys' basketball state championship; and

WHEREAS, this great triumph was a test of endurance for the iron-willed Tornadoes, as they mounted an impressive scoring drive late in the game to recover from a seventeen point deficit at half time; MJ Brown, with a pair of free throws, and Nik Brooks, with back-to-back three-point buckets, ignited this 27-7 run in the final minutes of the third quarter that led the Tornadoes to success; and

WHEREAS, this herculean effort was led by the individual performances of MJ Brown, who scored a personal game high of twenty-nine points, Tony Wilkins, who scored twelve of his nineteen points in the final quarter, Andre Coby, who rebounded fifteen times and scored eleven points; and

WHEREAS, the Tornadoes' season long exhibition of superior athleticism earned them many accolades; MJ Brown was named the tournament Most Valuable Player and Mr. Basketball for the second consecutive season, while earning a place on the All Tournament Team alongside fellow Tornadoes Tony Wilkins and Andre Coby; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Head Coach Shane Sisco's able leadership, the Tornadoes benefited from the hard work and guidance of Assistant Coaches Michael Hart and Marty Sisco and Managers Ben Woods, Thomas Turner, and Julian Moss; and

WHEREAS, the members of this extraordinary championship team are Marcus Allen, Josh Battee, Nik Brooks, MJ Brown, Cameron Callicott, Andre Coby, Antonio Cox, Brandon Easley, Matthew Keathley, BJ Marshall, Lavan Mosley, Pat Polk, Ryne Simpson, Russ Smith, Tyler Steward, Justin Taylor, Grant Victory, Kendhal Warren, and Tony Wilkins; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable team and coaching staff enjoys the support and leadership of Union City High School Principal and Athletic Director Barry Duncan, Assistant Principals John Easley and Jacob Cross, and Director of Schools Gary Houston, the exemplary guidance of whom is crucial in the success of all the school's endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the team's efforts were bolstered by the Union City High School cheerleader squad members Brooke Beachum, Katy Crews, Jade Davis, Brenna Duncan, Taylor Edwards, Hailey Fishel, Skye Gifford, Taylor Perryman, Katie Potter, Katelyn Ray, Anna White, and Corey Anne Youree; these outstanding young women were led by cheerleader sponsors Laura Kingrey and Angela Keathley; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character throughout the season, the members of the Union City High School boys' basketball team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a memorable championship season, but also surely point toward their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of its athletic teams that have succeeded both on the court and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Head Coach Shane Sisco and the Union City High School Tornadoes basketball team upon winning the 2007-2008 TSSAA Class A Boys' Basketball State Championship and wish them success in every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.